

In the Claims:

A complete listing of the claims proper claim identifiers is set forth below.

1. (Previously Presented) A method for processing an international passenger, the method comprising:

entering information identifying the passenger a first time into a computer interface;

recording a first electronic image of the passenger;

comparing a prior image of the passenger to the first image;

sending data identifying the passenger to a government or governmental agent in a destination country;

entering information identifying the passenger a second time into a computer before departure and verifying an identity of the passenger;

recording a second electronic image of the passenger;

comparing the second image to a prior image of the passenger; and

routing the passenger in the destination country in accordance with the data and a procedure from the government or governmental agent.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the first electronic image is recorded in an originating country.

3. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the second electronic image is transmitted to a destination country.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the second electronic image is recorded on an aircraft.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the electronic image is selected from the group consisting of a photograph, a fingerprint, a palm print, an iris scan, and a voiceprint.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising entering data indicative of flight information for the passenger into the computer interface.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising retrieving data of passengers scheduled for a flight from a first computer memory and storing the data in a second computer memory.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein comparing the prior image to the first image is performed by a computer with software selected from the group consisting of feature recognition software, voice recognition software, and facial recognition software.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising taking a subsequent image of the passenger and comparing the subsequent image to the first electronic image, and routing the passenger according to a result of a comparison of the first electronic image and the subsequent image.

10. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising filling out a customs declaration form, entering the form into a computer memory, sending the form to the government or governmental agent, and routing the passenger in accordance with the government or governmental agent.

11. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising electronically inspecting baggage of the passenger, making a record of the electronic inspecting, entering the record into the computer memory, sending the record to the government or governmental agent, and routing the baggage in accordance with the procedure.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising giving the passenger notice of an instruction of the government or government agent.

13. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the procedure is that if no instruction is received from the government or governmental agent, the passenger is not required to process through customs or immigration.

14. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the procedure is that if no instruction is received from the government or governmental agent, the passenger is automatically required to process through customs or immigration or both customs and immigration.

15.- 22. (cancelled).

23. (Previously Presented) A method of processing an international traveler from a first country to a second country, the method comprising:

dividing the processing into three parts, wherein the passenger, baggage of the passenger, and information concerning the passenger and baggage of the passenger, are sent from the first country to the second country;

gathering information for a first time with a computer and sending information electronically concerning the passenger and baggage of the passenger, wherein information concerning the passenger and the baggage of the passenger is automatically gathered and processed, and sent to a government official of the second country;

gathering information for a second time with a computer concerning the passenger's identity and verifying the passenger's identity prior to departure;

sending the baggage through an electronic baggage inspection, sending the baggage to the second country, and routing the baggage to a location selected from the group consisting of customs, a baggage claim area, and a connecting flight of the passenger; and

sending the passenger from the first country to the second country, and then sending the passenger to further processing selected from a group of instructions consisting of customs, immigration, and no further processing as issued by the government official of the second country.

24. (Original) The method of Claim 23, further comprising scheduling travel of a passenger, and transferring data concerning the passenger from a first computer memory to a second computer memory.

25. (Original) The method of Claim 23, further comprising filling out an electronic customs form and saving the form into a memory of a computer.

26. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein the passenger proceeds to an Immigration booth upon arrival in the second country to automatically verify his or her identification and to receive instructions for proceeding.